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*Application No.:* 10/602,904  
*Title of Invention:* APPARATUS AND METHODS  
FOR CONTROLLING CHARGED  
PARTICLES  
*Inventor:* Miley  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 27 October 2005, please consider the following. A one month extension of time to respond up to and including February 27, 2006, along with a credit card payment authorization form for the requisite fee is included herewith. Please charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Response to Office Action  
Serial No. 10/602,904  
Applicant: George Miley  
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